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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You heard the opening on AM3341 to the Landis amendment. There are no discussion lights on. Senator Wickersham, did you wish to close on your amendment, AM3341?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house by Senator Wickersham. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senators Beutler, Senator Matzke, Brashear, Bruning. Senators Quandahl, Chambers. Senator Connealy. Senator Dickey, Senator Smith, please check in. The house is under call. Senator Engel and Senator Hartnett. Senator Thompson and Senator Janssen, the house is under call. The house is under call. (Visitors introduced.) The house is under call. Senator Wickersham, your time is running, if you wish to continue.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. Mr. President, I'll make a few remarks. Because I think this is an easy issue for you to understand, because this is a format that we have addressed before on General File. For those of you who were perhaps working and missed the opening on this amendment, this amendment takes the amalgamation that you find in LB 925 and separates it into its constituent parts. The two parts that are in LB 925 are, of course, LB 914, the bill that was brought by Senator Hilgert that would provide additional opportunities for mothers to stay home with their children while they were receiving ADC payments, that's ADC to people. That's something that is good for the family unit as a whole, something that is good for the children. And quite remarkable, we can do that at a cost savings to the state of Nebraska, because as I understand it ADC payments are less than child-care costs, so it actually saves us, I think Senator Hilgert said, \$1.5 million. So, if you have